

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A passive component including a plurality of electrodes and at least one terminal extending outwardly, which serve as a passive circuit, in a dielectric substrate ~~(14)~~ made up of a plurality of stacked dielectric layers, wherein

said terminal is provided only on a lower surface of said dielectric substrate ~~(14)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A passive component according to claim 1, wherein said at least one terminal includes a plurality of terminals for inputting and outputting signals and at least one shield terminal, said shield terminal being arranged between said terminals for inputting and outputting signals on the lower surface of said dielectric substrate ~~(14)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A passive component according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein if said dielectric substrate ~~(14)~~ has therein at least one via hole for electrically interconnecting a plurality of electrodes, said terminal is provided by an electrode in said via hole in said dielectric substrate ~~(14)~~, and said electrode as said terminal has a diameter greater than the diameter of said via hole.

4. (Currently Amended) A passive component according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said terminal is provided by an electrode on the lower surface of said dielectric substrate ~~(14)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) A passive component according to ~~any one of claims 1 through 4~~, claim 1, wherein said dielectric substrate ~~(14)~~ has a shield electrode disposed therein.

6. (Currently Amended) A passive component according to claim 5, wherein, of the dielectric layers which make up said dielectric substrate ~~(14)~~, the dielectric layer between said shield electrode and the lower surface of said dielectric substrate ~~(14)~~ has a dielectric constant of $\epsilon_r < 20$.

7. (Currently Amended) A passive component according to claim 5, wherein, of the dielectric layers which make up said dielectric substrate ~~(14)~~, the dielectric layer between said shield electrode and the lower surface of said dielectric substrate ~~(14)~~ has a dielectric constant of $\epsilon_r > 20$.

8. (Currently Amended) A passive component according to claim 1, wherein said dielectric substrate ~~(14)~~ has at least one resonator serving as a filter ~~(16)~~ disposed therein, said resonator being provided by a via hole, one of end faces of said via hole having a short-circuiting end and an open end.